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CHRISTMAS RETURNS SHOW THERE WERE NO TRAGEDIES

Several Cutting Affrays and Minor Fights but no Deaths.

CHARLEROI ESCAPES WELL

Only One Fight Reported Here and It Was Not of Much Consequence.

Christmas returns from darkest Washington indicate that the holiday was not so very bloody after all. Of the various cuttings and shootings and fights reported no one was killed outright or has since died, although in one or two instances it was thought that death would result from the injuries received in the frays.

Joe Zeta, who was shot through the head and desperately wounded Sunday by his chum Frank Carupa in a drunken row at Besco, the town of the Bessemer Coke company, near the Greens county line, is in the Memorial hospital at Monongahela. Last night the attending physicians stated that Zeta had a fair chance for recovery despite the serious character of his wound.

It was at first thought the man's injuries would prove fatal and it was feared he would die before reaching the hospital there. The bullet fired by Carupa entered his cheek and passed out the back of his head. His assailant is in the county jail, held pending the outcome of Zeta's injuries.

As the result of a drinking bout which occurred in a company house at Cherry Valley Sunday afternoon Martin Riscocki is in a Pittsburgh hospital fighting for his life while Joe Bernanski, Paul Stepeski and Felix Fwica have been in the county jail held pending the outcome of the injuries sustained by Riscocki.

Constable M. R. Conley arrested the three men charged with beating their companion while the injured man was hurried to a hospital. The defendants were committed to jail by Justice A. B. Cochran, charges of felonious assault and battery being placed against them.

In yesterday's issue of the Mail was noted the alleged Black Hand attack upon Battisto Dalesandro, a wealthy Italian at Washington, who was slashed with a razor in a barber shop at the county seat Christmas day so badly that he narrowly escaped bleeding to death. This, with our own little cutting affray at Tenth street Sunday, when Mike Coscolakis got slashed across the hand in trying to chase a countryman out of town, constituted the cutting casualties so far as heard from.

The little town of Manifold had a wild and woolly time Sunday night when John Pusk ran amuck and tried to shoot up the village with a .32-caliber revolver. After driving everybody off the streets Pusk was rounded up by State Troopers Barr and Bell, who happened to be riding in the vicinity, and lodged in the county jail.

At the staid little town of Claysville Miss Mary Hardsocks, entertained a few "gentlemen friends" at her home last night. It is alleged that an abundance of "booze" was on tap, and the bunch became so noisy, that neighbors complained. Local officers arrested three of the "gentlemen" guests, whereupon Miss Hardsocks resented the intrusion and hurled a chair at the constable's head, which knocked a door off its hinges. She also used some "cuss" words at (Continued on Second Page).

Plaintiff Files His Bill of Particulars

S. T. Chester of Charleroi Claims Damages From Township Resident.

The plaintiff's statement has been filed in the suit of S. T. Chester of Charleroi against Andrea Dellaidotti, a claim for \$1,000 damages. The plaintiff formerly owned a farm in Long Branch, in which was erected a cider mill. The defendant was for a time a tenant on this farm, the plaintiff having reserved the use of the cider mill. In June of this year the plaintiff says he sold the farm to Katherine Olsowicki, still reserving to himself, however, the use of the cider mill. For the remainder of this year. Nevertheless, it is averred, the defendant locked the gates upon the way by which the plaintiff would have to enter the farm to reach the cider mill, barricaded the way, and absolutely and entirely hindered and prevented the plaintiff and any and all persons from entering upon the farm and from having and gaining access to this cider mill.

Mary Booker, alias Mary Blair, of Fallowfield township pleaded guilty to selling liquor without license, sentence to pay the costs, fine of \$500 and undergo imprisonment in jail for three months.

Grant Coats, of Fallowfield, pleaded guilty to selling liquor without license, sentenced to pay costs, fine of \$500 and imprisonment in jail for three months.

DEMS NAME CANDIDATES

Suggest Men Who Will be Voted Upon for Various Offices.

The Democrats held their suggestion meeting last night at the borough building and named the men who will be candidates for the various office to be filed at the spring election. Those named were as follows:

Council—William Richie, Fred Pieper, Jr., William Lambert, Leslie Campbell.

School Director—Fred Cooper, Dr. N. W. Patton.

Justice of the Peace—R. P. Fitzgerald.

Auditor—John Jöbes. Precinct Officials. First—judge, Leslie Campbell; inspector, Louis Jöbes; assistant assessor, Sam Franks; second precinct, judge, Fred Estenfelder; inspector, J. F. Laird; third precinct, judge, David Kellogg; inspector, Robert Wood, assistant assessor, William Sauters.

Box Social Friday

An entertainment and box social will be held at the Curtin school house on Friday evening, December 31st. The ladies are requested to bring box with lunch for two. The proceeds will be used to benefit the school. All are cordially invited to be present and spend the evening.

FOR SALE—First class kitchen cabinet in good condition cheap. Inquire 401 Lookout avenue. 11111

CAPACITY OF SEAMLESS TUBE PLANT AT MONESSEN WILL BE INCREASED

New Departments to be Added Immediately that will Provide Employment for Many More Men.

REGARDED AS GOOD OMEN BY PEOPLE ACROSS RIVER

The Pittsburg Products company, a new company has taken over the plant of the Seamless Tube plant at Monessen, and it is said will immediately increase the capacity as well as create several new departments. The change is effective, it is stated, at once.

Among the new departments to be created, besides that of the seamless tube manufacture, will be for the manufacture of reinforced concrete for steel; steel telegraph poles, automobile axles, and steel girders. This increased output will necessitate the

employment of double the number of men now employed and by spring the company will have in the aggregate of 1,000 men at work.

The pay roll will be increased, it is stated, fully 50 per cent. At present it is in the neighborhood of \$16,000 monthly, employing probably 500 men. A. Allison, who has been superintendent of the Seamless Tube under General Superintendent George Nash, will assume the superintendency of the new plant.

The Seamless Tube is in reality owned by the Pittsburg Steel company.

WATER WAGONS FOR RIVER COAL MINES

Sprinklers of New Design Ordered from Monongahela Firm.

Eight water wagons, which will be used for sprinkling purposes in the mines owned by the River Coal company, are being manufactured at the present time by the Monongahela Saw and Planing Mill company. These wagons are supplied with a rotary pump, and are so arranged as to be able to sprinkle the sides, bottom and top of the various entries through which it passes. The wagon was designed in the engineering department of the River Coal company, and seems to give much satisfaction. Four wagons have been constructed and are now in use.

HORTIZ IN "FRITZ THE WANDERING MUSICIAN"

Joe Hortiz will appear at the Coyle Theatre tonight, December 28, a return engagement in the musical comedy drama "Fritz the Wandering Musician." Mr. Hortiz who is possessed of a clear, sweet tenor voice, will render several of his diverting song and musical specialties, and his appearance in the new play is said to be a pronounced success. The play is moulded along the lines of the late J. K. Emmett's entertainments, and judging from the success with which the show is meeting, Mr. Hortiz is provided with a role which is entirely congenial to his talents and his voice. He gives the character of "Fritz" all that is called for.

Scenery and mechanical effects have all been placed in the production, and is said to be one of the strongest and most satisfactory plays on the road this season.

Christmas Tree Tonight

The children of St. Mary's Episcopal Sunday school, will have their Christmas service and Christmas tree in the church this evening, Holy Innocent's Day, at 7:30 o'clock. Friends of the school are cordially invited to be present. The church is beautifully decorated, and the children are anticipating an enjoyable time.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FIFTH IN TINPLATE

Production in Pennsylvania is 649,040,243, with Lawrence Leading.

According to a special report just completed by Chief John L. Rocky of the Bureau of Industrial Statistics the tin-plate industry in Pennsylvania broke all records last year. The total production of tin and tarne plate was 649,040,243 pounds as compared with 590,245,624 the year before, or an increase of 58,794,624 pounds.

There were 49,835,222 invested in tin-plate industry, and 19 plants were in operation, with 166 hot mills and 168 cold mills, giving employment to 8,263 persons whose wages aggregated \$5,310,638 in the year. Of the employees 1,545 were white Americans, 82 negroes, and 411 foreign workers. The value of the year's production was \$23,747,606.

Lawrence county led with a production of 225,249,123 pounds, or 34.705 per cent of the total for the State. Westmoreland county was second with 214,717,223 pounds, or 33.082 per cent; Allegheny, third, with 76,850,767, or 11.841 per cent; Mercer, fourth, with 60,610,764; Washington, fifth, with 47,499,850, and Philadelphia, sixth, with 28,211,245 pounds.

Higginbotham

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Hall Higginbotham, aged 52 years, 4 months and 27 days, was held from her late home in North Charleroi yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. H. C. Boblitt, of the First Christian church, assisted by Rev. G. G. Kerr, of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church. Interment was in the Monongahela cemetery. Mrs. Higginbotham died Friday evening at 8:45 o'clock from a complication of diseases. She is survived by her husband, Alfred Higginbotham, and seven children, Edward, and John of Monessen, Mrs. P. E. Franks, of North Charleroi; Mrs. J. B. Acker of Mt. Clair, and Jennie, Annie and Mary at home. Mrs. Higginbotham had resided in North Charleroi for three years, and in this vicinity for ten years.

James Wilson and Andrew McKean spent yesterday in Pittsburg transacting business.

PITTSBURG-BUFFALO COAL COMPANY TO INSIST UPON CLEANLINESS AMONG EMPLOYEES BY ERECTION OF BATH

Huge Structure Now in Course of Construction at Marianna to be Equipped for Use as a Public Bath House.

The Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company has under erection at Marianna one of the largest bath houses ever constructed and which will be devoted to the uses of the miners and foremen employed in the various shafts at that place. The building, which is now in course of construction, will be 45x125 feet in dimensions, three stories in height with a finished basement. The building will contain 1,200 shower baths, 35 private baths and 9 private bath rooms, all of which will

be devoted to the uses of the men employed at this great colliery. In addition to the baths, there will be individual lockers where the men may keep their clothing, and rooms provided where they may make the necessary changes when going to or returning from work.

In addition to this building the company is erecting a mammoth store room, 125x81 feet in dimensions, two stories in height with finished basement.

COAL ONE OF COUNTY'S MOST VALUABLE ASSETS

Rev. Frontz Gets a Nice Increase

Salary is Boosted by Congregation at Meeting on Sunday.

The salary of Rev. Chalmers E. Frontz, pastor of the Christ Lutheran church, was increased \$225 a year at a congregational meeting held on Sunday morning. The advance came rather as a surprise to Rev. Frontz, and was a token of true appreciation of his efforts. The Lutheran church has a membership of about 130 members. The salary of Rev. Frontz will now be \$1,100 and the parsonage free.

Highest Valuation in Any One District is \$500 Per Acre.

RETURNS NOT ALL IN YET

Only 29 Have Been Heard from, and only 16 Have Coal Separate from Surface.

In 16 of the 29 districts of Washington county, from which the assessors have made returns, coal is held separate from the surface and is so assessed. The other districts are the smaller boroughs where no coal is so held. The average valuation of coal in these 16 districts is as follows:

Allen, \$301.
Beallsville, \$211.
Blaine, \$40.
Claysville, \$40.
Cross Creek, \$98.
Deemston, \$245.
East Bethlehem, \$302.
Hopewell, \$56.
Independence, \$91.
Long Branch, \$500.
Morris, \$63.
Smith, \$94.
Speers, \$500.
Twilight, \$287.
West Finley, \$40.
West Middletown, \$50.

It will be seen that the assessment of coal varies from \$40 per acre in Blaine, Claysville and West Finley to \$500 per acre in Long Branch and Speers. It appears that the valuation in most instances are very conservative. It is to be doubted whether any coal of the famed Pittsburgh bed can be bought anywhere in Washington county at less than \$100 per acre. Some of it has sold within the last three months at as much as \$1,800 per acre.

MONONGAHELA MAN KILLED BY FALL IN WEST VIRGINIA

With Skull Fractured in Two Places Man Spends Night in Lockup.

From a fractured skull sustained in an accidental fall on a slippery pavement at Clarksburg, W. Va., on Saturday night, George Boalo, a glass-worker of Monongahela, is dead. The body was brought to the home in Monongahela yesterday by his brother. He was taken to the Clarksburg lock-up after the accident, seemingly not in bad shape. The next morning, however, he was found in a serious condition, and the man was taken to the city hospital where he died on Sunday morning. The skull was fractured in two places, one fracture being 4 inches in length and the other two inches.

Notice

A Christmas tree and treat, together with an entertainment for the children of the members of the Charleroi Turn Verein, will be held at Turner Hall Tuesday evening, December 28, at 8 o'clock. 1102

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LOCAL AGENCIES

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E. L. Kibler, Lock No. 4

Dec. 28 in American History.

1825—General James Wilkinson, soldier in the Revolution, against the Indians and in the war of 1812, died; born 1757.
1801—Rear Admiral Francis Asbury, U. S. N., retired, a veteran of the civil war, died; born 1823.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.
Sun sets 4:36, rises 7:20; moon rises 6:21 p. m.; 12:18 a. m., moon at greatest libration west.

What's the Remedy?

While organized labor is opposed to the State constabulary, the business people and rural sections are very much in favor of this branch of the Commonwealth for enforcing law and order. The objection on the part of organized labor is the claim that the constabulary is employed chiefly to break strikes, while those in favor of this arm of the law see its usefulness in patrolling the rural districts, where there is no organized police or protection of any sort.

One thing is certain. The inadequacy of the police system of the rural sections calls for radical action. The old system of an elected constable whose only compensation is fees for arrests, is no longer sufficient, particularly in the big industrial sections. A borough or a city can maintain a police system, but outside these limits criminals have no restraint. The State constabulary is designed in a measure to relieve this situation, but because of insufficient force it is far from performing this service. A new system of State constabulary is imperative, and it is one of the issues that should be met and solved so far as possible at the next session of the Legislature.

Marks an Era

The firing of 150 of the 300 new coke ovens recently constructed in Braznet mine, near Bentleyville, marks a new era in industrial production in that section. While not considered in the coking field proper, this section of Washington county is nevertheless able to produce a good marketable article of coke, which in the face of increasing demand and a limited field in the famous Connellsville region, has every indication of a tremendous development. Washington county coke will in time become as staple a product in the iron and steel manufacturing world as Connellsville coke.

The establishment of the coking industry in the Bentleyville section is important, in that it enhances the employment of labor and installs a new industry. Instead of shipping the coal away for consumption, as is done elsewhere in the county, it is converted on the spot into another valuable product. This, with the installation of the big manufacturing plants of the valley, insures a large degree of consumption practically at home. When the rich deposits of

coal are mined, coked and consumed here at home in the manufacture of industrial products, the highest degree of prosperity is attained.

Time to Think

Now is the time for the voters of the borough to think about the candidates who are suggested for the nomination for councilmen and school directors. These officials to be nominated and elected will compose the boards that will levy the taxes to be collected for both borough and school purposes, and who will expend the same. They are the business directors of the borough, and during the coming year will collect from the people and expend in both districts in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

It is therefore evident that the office of councilman and school director are more important to the people of the town than that of justice of the peace, over which there promises to be a hot contest. The office of justice is important, but it is a judicial office, while the others are executive. These levy, collect and disburse the public funds, and on the wisdom of their judgment depends the material and moral welfare of the whole community.

There is always more or less criticism bestowed upon the action of these officials, but the public as a rule does not give the matter much attention until after the nominations and elections are made. The time to look over the qualifications of candidates for councilmen and school directors is before they are nominated and elected. There is every opportunity now for any dissatisfied voter or voters to place in nomination any eligible candidate who will accept these offices, and now is time to make whatever kicks that may be forthcoming.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

The crimes charged to the Black Hand would fill more than an ordinary sized directory. Some of them are cases that are apparently unsolvable and are put down as of the Black Hand class for convenience.

Some of these places around here are of considerably more value to the community than the ordinary persons would suppose. Ask the assessor about it.

For their own sake it is to be hoped that King Albert of Belgium is more pleasing to the people than his uncle was.

The Connellsville Courier remarks "We may be damned yet." Apparently they have been worse than damned by some Uniontown people.

A man who will lose his temper in a political argument should not desire to become a candidate for President. Ask Bryan.

The other day a man living on the car line got to work in time to prepare to go home. He left the place where he was employed supposedly to go home. He hasn't been heard from yet, so the natural conclusion, inasmuch as he did not "touch" anything, is that it's a sample of that bum service.

It is not very many people who know how truly homely they are.

Monessen has a new hose and ladder wagon. What a shame. Now people will not be able to collect so much insurance of their business places.

The Sheep Hill Philosopher is responsible for the statement that "By refusal" to steal a dollar many a man has made a reputation so he can steal a bank later on.

Even yet, although they have maintained that Dr. Cook is a uncompromising liar, the world will permit him to make an explanation.

Hinch—Wilson

Miss Grace Elizabeth Hinch, of Charleroi, and George Oliver Wilson, of Floreffe, were married at the Lutheran church parsonage Monongahela Saturday evening, Rev. M. M. Allbeck officiating. The wedding was a very quiet one, there being no attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will make their home in Charleroi.

Smith—Amos

The marriage of Miss Anna Amos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Amos of near Scenery Hill, and William Smith of Lone Pine was solemnized at the home of Miss Amos' parents, on Christmas day.

SEE GHOST IN THE LAW THAT IS NOT OBEYED

County Engineers Report not Sufficient in Matter of Certain Bridges.

A Legislative ghost has come to haunt the Allegheny county commissioners. The Washington county authorities are responsible for the spook's presence. It is a law passed in 1836, and now that Allegheny county is aware of it much court proceedings may result. It provides for viewers to report on finished bridge contracts.

According to this act, the Washington county officials say, the courts must appoint six viewers. The viewers are to make an inspection of the completed bridge, the contract and the entire proceedings under which the transaction is made between the county and the contractor. The viewers must then report to the court, calling attention to irregularities in the transaction as well as defects if any exist.

Allegheny county has not been observing this law. In this neck of the State the county engineers have been performing such duties. They inspect the bridge, contract, etc., and make their reports to common pleas court. The court then acts on the transaction from their report.

While the bridge from Monongahela, Washington county, to Forward township, Allegheny county, was dedicated three weeks ago, it has not been formally accepted by the two counties. When the question of acceptance arose Washington county, which has been observing the law, proposed to Allegheny county that viewers be appointed.

The law applies to every county in the State. When it was pointed out that this bridge was in two counties a section of the act covering such cases was presented. This section enables the court of each county to appoint three viewers. The six proceed together and make their report to both courts, which decide whether the work should be accepted by both counties. It is not on record that any time one court has accepted while the other has rejected.

The matter was gone over by County Solicitor Isaac Baum of Washington county and County Solicitor A. B. Hay of Allegheny county. Major Hay told Mr. Baum the Allegheny county courts were in the habit of regarding the reports of the engineers as sufficient. Mr. Baum agreed to ascertain if the Washington county courts would agree to act on the report of the Allegheny county engineers.

Major Hay is awaiting the report of Solicitor Baum, but the Allegheny county authorities do not entertain much hope that the Washington county court will agree to the engineers' report.

MASSAGE MADE EASY

Here's a Little Beauty Told that it will Pay you to Read

If you have tried to massage your face and neck with the usual unsatisfactory results on the part of amateurs at the art, you will be interested in knowing that Crown Cream and the Harlan Beauty Cup at once overcome all difficulties, and really do more effective work, than any hand operator can achieve. The Beauty Cup acts by a gentle vacuum system, and does its work perfectly.

There is no other preparation made which acts so satisfactorily on thin, dry skin as Crown Cream. From its very nature such a skin is prone to wrinkle. Each tiny fold, once created, becomes more and more deep seated, if let alone. There is neither sense nor reason in ignoring a wrinkle, because it can so easily be eradicated by the use of Crown Cream. The entire texture of the skin is cleansed and freshened, and by the use of the Beauty Cup, there is a vigorous renewal of proper circulation in the lower layers of the skin, thus building up a firmer tissue from beneath. This, will be seen, is a scientific manner in which to treat a wrinkle, or as many of them as you possess. Once overcome, very ordinary care will keep the face from them thereafter. You can get both the Crown Cream and the Beauty Cup from all dealers, as a rule. If your dealer is not supplied, order direct from the Harlan Mfg. Co., Toledo, Ohio. The Crown Cream costs 50c a jar, and the Beauty Cups 50c each. Hennings' Drug Store, Fifth and McKean, Charleroi, Pa.

William Kirk is transacting business today in Pittsburgh.

COYLE THEATRE

TUESDAY, DEC. 28, 1909

AMERICA'S SWEETEST TENOR AND YODLER

JOE HORTIZ in a new play
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"The Daisy Song"
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Christmas Returns Show There Were No Tragedies

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the officer, which figured in the indictment against her. The quartet was landed in the lockup.

Charged with robbery, M. Violatkov, J. Rotice and Mike Pavic were brought to Washington last evening from Monongahela and lodged in the county jail to await trial on the charge of robbery at the next term of court. It is alleged that on Christmas day up the M. & M. branch, the three, who are all foreigners, held up a Syrian peddler named Nicholas Solomon, of Monongahela, and robbed him of \$25.

According to Solomon's story one man held a revolver pointed at him, while the others went through his pockets, relieving him of a purse containing the sum of \$25. After taking his money from him it is alleged they beat him until he was unconscious.

Some time later Solomon recovered consciousness and managed to get down to Monongahela, where he made information against his assailants.

MAHOGANY TREES IN FALLOWFIELD

Group of Twenty on the Old Barnett Sickman Farm.

On the Lott Winnett farm, in Fallowfield township known as the old Barnett Sickman place, 20 mahogany trees are growing at the present time. The largest is 2 1/2 feet in diameter, and has 20 feet of body. The trees are all in a group, and the cattle browse off the sprouts which keep them from spreading. Some of the young trees are not more than a foot through. The trees are known to have been growing since the memory of the oldest inhabitants of the present generation.

FEAR OF FLOOD IF RIVER RISES

Navigation Prevented From Morgantown to Cairo by Ice.

Navigation on the Monongahela River from Morgantown to Pittsburgh, and on the Ohio from Pittsburgh to Cairo, is tied up by ice. There is not a wheel moving except the small boats in the pools towing coal to the mills along the river front. Prospects for high water, should a rise in temperature come suddenly, are being prepared for, if it amounts to a coal boating stage about 6,000,000 bushels will be ready to go out. Ice gorges, which have formed, are yet small and it is not expected that any damage will be caused by them if the weather continues stationary. By some a flood is feared should there be a sudden rise in the temperature.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bohlander, of Homestead, were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo, Schwaed.

ORCHID HUNTING.

The Terrors and the Dangers of a Tropical Forest.

It is not a pretty story, this narrative of a trip up the Orinoco, but you may understand orchid people better if you read it.

"It began unluckily," said he. "I took a partner because I'd learned that the dark places of earth are hard upon a man by himself. I met him at Port of Spain, and he was eager for the adventure because he had just absconded from a British mercantile house, in Havana and the Orinoco sounded to him like a haven.

"We hired a few negroes. Our real guides we would pick up at Angostura. One day while waiting for the stores to be packed I took my partner out to show him what an orchid was.

"Near the Pitch lake I saw one in a tree and ordered one of the negro boys to shin up and get it. He would not. A deadly snake dwelt in that tree, he declared. He was afraid of snakes! Nice, efficient, helpful boy to take into tropical forests, wasn't he?

"It was insubordination before the expedition had even started. So I cuffed him and landed him my hunting knife. 'Bring down that flower and also the snake's head,' I ordered, and, whining, trembling, he went up the trunk. He was detaching the orchid from where it clung when a thing like a spear, as black as his own skin, suddenly struck at the boy's wrist. He screamed with terror and, toppling down, writhed with pain. He died, and I felt a gloom settle on my spirits.

"Well, at Angostura we took rafts and six guides upstream. First one guide died of fever; then another was bitten by poisonous insects. One fell in with—or into—an alligator. We needed meat, and the skin was worth a good deal, so half in revenge, half in curiosity, we went out and plucked holes in the monster. When the guides cut it open they stooped and drew things out—the bones and the cotton clothes of the guide this cannibal reptile had swallowed. The very knot was still in his sarong. Oh, don't squirm! This is orchid hunting.

"We had three guides left at the end of the second month, when, paddling along one day where the vines overreached and let snaky tendrils draggle down, we came to a fifty yard clearing. We saw there the sides of three canoes, half smothered with rapid growing vegetation, and 1,500 alligator skins well salted, but decaying. Hanging to the roof of what had been a kind of lean-to were 100 orchid plants—withered and dead. On the floor lay two rusty rifles and two skeletons. Out by the ashly place where the fire had been was a third skeleton. Up between the ribs were cheerfully growing some gay weeds."—Everybody's Magazine.

Every person has two educations—one which he receives from others and one more important, which he gives himself.—Gibson.

A MONSTER SKULL

One That Was Said to Be Bigger Than a Bushel Basket.

One of the most remarkable finds of gigantic human remains of which we have any record was that said to have been made at Palermo, Sicily, in the year 1516, when an entire skeleton of unheard of proportions was unearthed by some marble quarry men. These mammoth remains measured exactly thirty-four feet from head to foot and nine feet seven inches from point to point of the shoulders.

A stone ax buried with this old time giant may still be seen at Palermo in section "Z" of the St. Isidoro museum. It is made of a bluish looking, fine grained boulder and appears to be about two feet eight inches long by one foot broad and nine inches through in the thickest place. A rusty, rusty looking tag attached to the relic informs the visitor that it weighs fifty-two pounds, but the general verdict is that it could not weigh over thirty or thirty-five pounds.

The skeleton was burned by a mob in the year 1682 during the prevalence of the black death at Palermo, the ignorant, superstitious people, believing that it was connected in some mysterious way with the death dealing demon. The skull of this giant, according to Abbe Ferregus, was largely excessive of the basketry used to hold the bushel, being fitted above and below with the teeth of the rim of sixty-four, the each of which would have weighed two ounces.

Cavaller Seroy claimed to have found a skull on Tenerife that had sixty teeth.—Westminster Gazette.

Animal Mimicry.

Observers of nature are frequently struck with the singular resemblances of insects to leaves, dried sticks, etc., and these likenesses are supposed to have grown out of the necessity of protection against or concealment from enemies. An interesting example of this kind of resemblance was brought to the attention of the Entomological society in London by a naturalist, who exhibited a spider found inhabiting some rocks near Cannes, on which were also fastened the cases of a species of moth. When at rest the spider exhibited almost precisely the same form and color as the moth cases surrounding it.

Unreasonable.

"My husband is so very unreasonable."

"Most husbands are. What did yours do?"

"He fixed a fishhook in one of his pockets because he pretended to suppose that I robbed him at night, and then he blamed me because he forgot it was there."—Cleveland Plain Dealer

The Fun of It.

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LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

John Bailey who moved to Donora a couple of weeks ago to engage in the confectionery business was in town today. He says he is well pleased with his new venture.

The first of a series of subscription dances will be held at the Bank of Charleroi Hall tonight. The patronesses and promoters are among the leading people of the town, and a large attendance is expected.

R. E. Shannon, who is traveling in West Virginia territory for a Philadelphia firm, after spending Christmas at his home here left this morning for Philadelphia on a business trip.

Frank Henderson of near Withely, Greene county, returned home this morning after a visit in Monessen and Charleroi with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Sash K. Long, of Monessen, formerly of Charleroi has returned home after a visit in Brookville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Rhines.

Mrs. Emma Dawson was a business visitor yesterday in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. I. T. Daniel went to Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Evans, a friend with whom she made her home some years ago.

Mrs. Edith Reeves of near Atwater, Ohio, is in Charleroi to spend several days with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rosbottom and daughter Sarah Alice returned to their home in Morgantown W. Va., after spending Christmas with the former's parents on Crest avenue.

Card of Thanks

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses during the sickness and death of our wife and mother. Also the Loyal Order of Moose of Monessen, and Rev. H. C. Bobbitt for their kindly offices at the funeral.

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Members of the Chicago Boys' Choir, William Halliday, Louis Smith, Arthur G. K. Alexander and Jack Johnson, and the leader Miss Sarah Wathena Brown, stopped off in Charleroi this morning a short time, en route to Fayette City, where they are to appear tonight in the entertainment course of that place. The company is on the Redpath-Brockway bureau, the same that is presenting the course attractions in Charleroi this year.

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STEEL EMPLOYEES

WILL TAKE THEIR STOCK ALLOTMENT

A dispatch from New York says that in trading circles the impression prevails that the net earnings of the Steel Corporation for next year will reach \$200,000,000. It is generally known that the steel mills have sufficient business on their books to keep their works in operation well into June. High prices will prevail in the first half and record-breaking earnings are assured. As to production, it is believed the Steel Corporation will show deliveries of more than 120,000,000 tons of finished steel for sale, which will also establish a new high record. No increase in the common dividend is expected at the January meeting of the corporation, but wagers of 2 to 1 have been made that Steel common will be on a 5 per cent basis in April, 1910.

Representatives of the United States Steel Corporation declares that no trouble will be experienced in disposing of all the stock allotted to employees. If all the employees receiving bonuses take their proportion of the offering of common stock at \$900 they will receive a total of 8,000 common shares. There will be 25,000 preferred shares, which will make a total of 3,000 preferred and common shares, with a par value of \$3,300,000. A representative of the United States Steel Corporation says that Steel preferred is now classed among the gilt-edged investments and, as such, should be worth 140 a share, or \$16 more a share than the price at which it is being offered to employees.

Preparations were in progress last week to meet the heavy obligations incident to the January disbursements, which in New York are estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$225,000,000. The banking week included also the payment to the preceding Saturday of nearly \$25,000,000 on account of Pennsylvania new stock subscriptions and on Monday \$12,500,000 for new New York, New Haven and Hartford stock.

Beallsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Guttery and son Clinton, of Claysville, returned to their home on Monday, after spending Christmas at the home of Mrs. Guttery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Stathers, of Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hawkins entertained at a dinner at their home on Main street, on Saturday, the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. James V. McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hawkins, Mrs. H. H. Young, and James M. Miller, and son, Charles of this place.

The regular monthly business and social meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Cole, on Wednesday afternoon, January 12th.

R. R. McKinley, the genial rural mail carrier on R. F. D. No. 1 from West Brownsville, received a fine Christmas gift of two boxes of oranges from his father, the Rev. Mr. McKinley, of Candler, Fla.

Many improvements are being added to the old National Pike at present. The work is being pushed as rapidly as possible. When completed this piece of road will be one of the best in this part of the county.

The Christmas turkey not only roosted high this year but he was also altitudinous in price. The "bird" sold for 30c per pound.

Earl Morrison, of Bartlettville, Okla., Frank Kegg, of Memphis, Tenn., are visiting relatives and friends.

A Double Header

Sam Berners's great comic song hit from "The Girl and the Wizard"—the one he sings to encored every night, words and music free with New York Sunday World Jan. 2.

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MEN OF ACTION

Served as an illustration for the Professor's Lecture.

"How did you like Professor Norman?" one of the summer residents of Willowby asked Mr. Hiram Gale. "I saw his name on the list of lecturers in your last winter's course."

Mr. Gale stroked his chin reflectively.

"Well, some thought he was kind of stiff in his speech at first, but I tell you what happened."

"He got kind of worked up telling us what 'men of action' meant, what the government of these United States was doing in Alaska, the Philippines, and so on, and he stepped a mile too high, the edge of the platform and lost his balance. But as he began to fall Sam Hobart and Pick Willis, that were in the front seat, stood up and braced him, one by each arm, and braced him up standing. He bulged out at the knees for a minute, but nobly to speak of."

"An," says Pick to him. "The last word you spoke was 'omnivorous,' and maybe before you mount again you'll give us some kind of a hint what it means."

"The professor looked from Pick to Sam and back to Pick again, kind of dazed, and then he began to laugh."

"You let me mount," he says, and I'll see to it that the rest of my talk is such you won't need a dictionary. And he kept his promise."

"Yes, sir, he gave us a fine talk after that, and he's coming again. We had him to breakfast next morning, and my wife said she wouldn't want to hear anybody talk more sensible or act more common and friendly than he did. But there was a piece in the Sentinel next week referring to Pick and Sam as 'Willowby's men of action,' and I reckon the name'll stick to 'em long as they live." Youth's Companion.

THEIR LAZY CLUB.

English Workmen Make Late Comes Pay For Tardiness.

In the engineering shops of a certain English firm the workmen of a year or two ago originated what they called the Lazy club. It was entirely their own idea, which for obvious reasons has received neither recognition nor financial support from the management, but has been the most excellent means of reducing the number of latenesses.

Whenever a workman is more than five minutes after time he finds the gate locked, and he is not allowed to enter until the half hour is up.

This half hour is deducted from his wages, but in addition he has also to pay to the treasurer of the Lazy club about 5 cents for coming late.

If he is late more than once during a week everybody is aware of the fact, and the second or third time he makes his appearance after starting time he is greeted with a terrific combination of noises produced on any available material by his fellow workmen.

At certain periods the accumulated funds of the Lazy club are divided, not among those who have produced them. It should be noted, but among the entire staff equally. Thus the late workman is made to pay the early comers for his laziness.

The last distribution was just prior to a "bean feast," and funds accumulated during twelve months were distributed, amounting to over \$1.75 a head.—System.

A Pepper Duel.

A certain literary and diplomatic friend of ours once took part in a pepper duel at a foreign restaurant. He was provoked to the contention by the quantity of stimulating condiment that a stranger across the table indulged in. The stranger sprinkled an unconscionable quantity of red pepper upon his food and proceeded to devour it, to the wonder and admiration of onlookers. Thereupon with studied nonchalance the American swallowed an immense piece of chili pepper. Then the stranger added more red pepper, then the American another larger slice, covered with cayenne, and so on, till it seemed as if both would explode, while the other diners looked on aghast, the American finally winning out with a prodigious dose defying all emulation.—Century.

Dust a Thousand Feet Thick.

China has its "bad lands," all dust and dreariness, and its irrigation wheels, and its "soul appalling" Gobi desert, along whose southern boundary lies the Great wall. In some of these regions the famous yellow dust of China lies to a depth of 1,000 feet, and when the wind blows the whole landscape is obscured. Yet it is upon this dust that the fertility of northern China depends. The Chinese call it "ginger powder."—Harper's.

Compensation For Injury.

Compensation for injury in the middle ages was in its infancy. The volume of the accounts of the lord high treasurer of Scotland, just published, tells incidentally of payments made to sufferers in the siege of Glasgow in 1544. To a carter who lost his horse \$25 was paid, but \$10.66 sufficed for a woman whose husband was killed, a like sum being given to the owners of two broken drums.

A Safe Rule.

"Is one apt to get bruised in learning to ride the bicycle?"
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"What do you mean?"
"Some riders keep on going."—Leeds City Courier-Journal.

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MEETING HOUSE.

By M. QUAD.

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The village of Hicksville contained 300 inhabitants, and yet there was only one place to worship. In the earlier days the Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians had clubbed together, and as time went on the three denominations had agreed so well that no move had been made for the erection of another building.

From time immemorial it has been the privilege of the farmer's dog to accompany his master to church and take up his station on the front steps until time to go home again. The question as to whether this had made better dogs of them is not to be debated here. It is sufficient to say that on this particular Sabbath day there were seven dogs occupying seven different wagons and that when a lightning rod man's dog came along he was looked upon as an intruder and promptly attacked. Seven dogs pitching into one must soon confuse things. In this case after a moment it became a battle royal, and the racket stopped the sermon and was heard to the limits of the village. The worshippers came out of the church to see and to interfere and to take sides, and the affair broke up the services for the morning and left a good deal of acrimony floating around. Most of the blame was laid on the man of lightning rods, who was stopping in the town over Sunday. He repudiated it and had hot words and on Monday was arrested for using profane language and fined \$7. Up to the moment he was fined he was defiant. Then he changed to humility, paid his fine and apologized all around.

There was no one in the town of Hicksville who really knew a lightning rod man's other side or who even suspected that he had a second side. If there had been, a note of warning would have been sounded when this man changed to humility. They accepted his attitude and his expressions, and some of them even shook hands with him and forgave him for having such a dog. He went away and was absent for three days and then returned to say that he felt like doing something for the church people to show that no hard feelings rankled in his soul. There was the old meeting house. It needed painting badly. Under its shadow his dog had raised a row and created temporary hard feelings and he would beg the privilege of paying for two fresh coats. The proposition fell like a thunderclap on the town. It beat the coming of a circus all hollow. All the church folks had to do, said the donor, was to get together and decide on the color and he would furnish the paints and the painters—simple as A B C.

A meeting of the church people was called for a certain night, and they were there to the last man and woman. All knew the issue, and all had come prepared. The question to be settled was one of color, and it was a dead easy one. The minister presided, as was eminently proper, and he arose to say that of course there could be but one color for a frame meeting house. That was white, to represent purity. The lightning rod man could be notified to have his painter on hand next day. Was there anything further before the meeting?

To the good man's surprise, there was. Deacon Tompkins arose to say that while art was in its infancy in this country a plain white meeting house did very well, but art had advanced. Meeting houses should also advance. Speaking for the Methodist contingent, his choice was chrome yellow for the body of the building, with dark brown for the steeple and the doors and window casings. He would move that those colors be adopted. Deacon Williams arose to hope that no one would second the motion. Speaking for the Baptists, he would say that a pea green color for the body, with trimmings of darker green, would be more in harmony with the surrounding landscape and prevent strangers from taking the elder mill for the meeting house. He didn't advance pea green as symbol of the Baptist faith alone, but of all faiths. It even took in the Adventists. He would move pea green as an amendment for chrome yellow. Deacon Jones said that he represented the Presbyterians in the congregation and that the Presbyterians had decided on lead color for the body of the building and dark blue for doors, casings and steeple. He would move his colors as an amendment to the last amendment and he hoped that no further time would be wasted over the matter.

But his hopes were disappointed. The lightning rod man was appealed to, but he replied that it was a question to be left entirely to the congregation.

It was left to them. Meeting after meeting was held, but no one gave way—the more meetings the more acrimony, the more acrimony the less neighborly feeling. When it had reached that stage, which it did in about four months, that not a Methodist would lend a Baptist his wheelbarrow and not a Baptist would borrow a straw from a Presbyterian, the good minister sent in his resignation, the meeting house was closed, and only last summer it was unroofed by a cyclone and left a wreck. The lightning rod man was about the only man that had nothing to say. He could afford to be silent.

Uncle Sam Has Some Which Are Very Seldom Seen.

COLORS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Not Until 1882 Did the Chief Executive of the Nation Have a Personal Banner, but Now He Has Three, the Naval, Army and Peace Flags.

As the United States grew and the government expanded many new departments were added, and with them many special flags have come into existence. Least often seen and yet most interesting of these twenty-five or thirty special flags is that of the president of the United States. He has a wealth of them—in fact, no less than three—but they are seldom seen in public. There are two each of these flags, one of bunting and one of silk. They are exactly alike, with this exception, but the one of silk is called the "president's colors."

The president of the United States had no personal flag until 1882. If he went aboard a ship his presence was denoted by the national flag hoisted at the main truck, and his presence in a garrison or post was denoted by the raising of the big garrison flag. These were not entirely distinctive as denoting the presence of the president, for these flags were hoisted on gala occasions when the president was not around. The lack of a distinguishing flag for him was felt by the navy also, and the secretary of the navy by general orders, Aug. 19, 1882, established a flag for the president of the United States. The general orders described the flag as of blue bunting with the coat of arms of the United States in the center. The flag was to be hoisted at the main of the vessel when the president was aboard and be carried at the bow of the launch on which he came aboard.

In the army there was no distinguishing flag for the president of the United States until just before the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. Colonel Theodore Bingham, who was then superintendent of public buildings and grounds, called the attention of President McKinley to this lack of a distinguishing flag for him and stated that he thought the commander in chief of the United States army and navy ought to have a distinguishing flag. President McKinley did not like the suggestion, but the secretary of war did, and a flag was made. It was designed by Frederick D. Owen and is a beautiful thing to look at. The official description of the flag is as follows:

"The president's flag is of scarlet bunting, thirteen feet by eight feet hoist. In each corner is a five-pointed star of five inch radius to the tips. In the center of the scarlet field is a large fifth star, also of five points, two feet nine inches in radius to the tips. Inside of this star is a parallel star, separated from it by a band of white three inches wide. The inner star forms the blue field upon which is the coat of arms of the United States. On the scarlet field around the large star are forty-six small white stars, one for each state, equally scattered in the re-entering angles and all included within the circumference of an imaginary circle three feet and a quarter in radius. In the upper point over the angle is a constellation of thirteen stars, representing the original thirteen states of the American confederation."

Mr. Owen explained that in the olive leaves, its berries and the arrows is symbolized the original thirteen. It is also not a little singular that the official seal should bear in its motto exactly thirteen letters and that the general order which created the flag was also numbered thirteen. The magnificent silken colors of the president's flag are of scarlet, and the design is embroidered upon this so exquisitely that it is impossible to tell right from wrong side when looking at the flag. The colors on the flag are what is called "proper"—that is, natural—the eagle being brown and the olive branches green, with red berries. This flag is to be displayed only in time of war.

Yet another flag has the president. In 1902 the "peace" flag was adopted. This third flag differs in a good many respects from the other two. In the first place, the great seal of the United States is correctly depicted. On the other flags the design of the seal is seven red stripes and six white ones, which is correct, as the flag design was adopted by the Third congress, but when the great seal was adopted the designer, not knowing much about the flag, as the forefathers intended, and six red stripes. And that is the seal today. There was a long discussion whether the seal should not be changed to agree with the stripes on the flag, as the forefathers intended, but it was decided that as it had been adopted it should remain. This "peace" flag thus has the seal correctly depicted. The eagle is snow white, its feathers being outlined in deep black. There is a different arrangement of the stars and of the sunburst also. The sunburst is exactly circular in form, with the rays radiating from the group of stars. The colors are of silk with exactly the same design—Washington Star.

The Remedy.

"Doctor, I'm troubled with a terrible buzzing in my ears."

"Get a divorce."—Boston Transcript

The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.—[Israel]

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CHRISTMAS RETURNS SHOW THERE WERE NO TRAGEDIES

Several Cutting Affrays and Minor Fights but no Deaths.

CHARLEROI ESCAPES WELL

Only One Fight Reported Here and It Was Not of Much Consequence.

Christmas returns from darkest Washington indicate that the holiday was not so very bloody after all. Of the various cuttings and shootings and fights reported no one was killed outright or has since died, although in one or two instances it was thought that death would result from the injuries received in the fray.

Joe Zeta, who was shot through the head and desperately wounded Sunday by his chum Frank Carupa in a drunken row at Besco, the town of the Bessemer Coke company, near the Greene county line, in the Memorial hospital at Monongahela. Last night the attending physicians stated that Zeta had a fair chance for recovery despite the serious character of his wound. It was at first thought the man's injuries would prove fatal and it was feared he would die before reaching the hospital there. The bullet fired by Carupa entered his cheek and passed out the back of his head. His assailant is in the county jail, held pending the outcome of Zeta's injuries.

As the result of a drinking bout which occurred in a company house at Cherry Valley Sunday afternoon Martin Riscoski is in a Pittsburgh hospital fighting for life while Joe Bernaschi, Paul Stepaski and Felix Fwica hague are in the county jail held pending the outcome of the injuries sustained by Riscoski.

Constable M. E. Conley arrested the three men charged with beating their companion while the injured man was hurried to a hospital. The defendants were committed to jail by Justice A. B. Cochran, charges of felonious assault and battery being placed against them.

In yesterday's issue of the Mail was noted the alleged Black Hand attack upon Patriotic Dalesandro, a wealthy Italian at Washington, who was slashed with a razor in a barber shop at the county seat Christmas day so badly that he narrowly escaped bleeding to death. This, with our own little cutting affray at Tenth street Sunday, when Mike Coscolakis got slashed across the hand in trying to chase a countryman out of town, constituted the cutting casualties so far as heard from.

The little town of Manifold had a wild and woolly time Sunday night when John Pusk ran amuck and tried to shoot up the village with a 32-calibre revolver. After driving everybody off the streets Pusk was rounded up by State Troopers Barr and Bell, who happened to be riding in the vicinity, and lodged in the county jail.

At the staid little town of Claysville Miss Mary Harbsocks, entertained a few "gentlemen friends" at her home last night. It is alleged that an abundance of "booze" was on tap, and the bunch became so noisy, that neighbors complained. Local officers arrested three of the "gentlemen" guests, whereupon Miss Harbsocks resented the intrusion and hurled a chair at the constable's head, which knocked a door off its hinges. She also used some "cuss" words at

Plaintiff Files His Bill of Particulars

S. T. Chester of Charleroi Claims Damages From Township Resident.

The plaintiff's statement has been filed in the suit of S. T. Chester of Charleroi against Andrea Dellaidotti, a claim for \$1,000 damages. The plaintiff formerly owned a farm in Long Branch, in which was erected a cider mill. The defendant was for a time a tenant on this farm, the plaintiff having reserved the use of the cider mill. In June of this year the plaintiff says he sold the farm to Katherine Giszewski, still reserving to himself, however, the use of the cider mill. For the remainder of this year. Nevertheless, it is averred, the defendant locked the gates upon the way by which the plaintiff would have to enter the farm to reach the cider mill, barricaded the way, and absolutely and entirely hindered and prevented the plaintiff and any and all persons from entering upon the farm and from having and gaining access to this cider mill.

Mary Booker, alias Mary Blair, of Fallowfield township pleaded guilty to selling liquor without license, sentence to pay the costs, fine of \$500 and undergo imprisonment in jail for three months.

Grant Coats, of Fallowfield, pleaded guilty to selling liquor without license, sentenced to pay costs, fine of \$500 and imprisonment in jail for three months.

DEMS NAME CANDIDATES

Suggest Men Who Will be Voted Upon for Various Offices.

The Democrats held their suggestion meeting last night at the borough building and named the men who will be candidates for the various office to be filed at the spring election. Those named were as follows: Council—William Richie, Fred Pieper, Jr., William Lambert, Leslie Cambell.

School Director—Fred Cooper, Dr. N. W. Patton.

Justice of the Peace—R. P. Fitzgerald.

Auditor—John Jobes.

Precinct Officials. First—judge, Leslie Campbell; inspector, Louis Jobes; assistant assessor, Sam Franks; second precinct, judge, Fred Estenfelder; inspector, J. F. Laird; third precinct, judge, David Kellogg; inspector, Robert Wood, assistant assessor, William Sauters.

Box Social Friday

An entertainment and box social will be held at the Curtin school house on Friday evening, December 31st. The ladies are requested to bring box with lunch for two. The proceeds will be used to benefit the school. All are cordially invited to be present and spend the evening.

FOR SALE—First class kitchen cabinet in good condition cheap. Inquire 401 Lookout avenue. 11121

CAPACITY OF SEAMLESS TUBE PLANT AT MONESSEN WILL BE INCREASED

New Departments to be Added Immediately that will Provide Employment for Many More Men.

REGARDED AS GOOD OMEN BY PEOPLE ACROSS RIVER

The Pittsburg Products company, a new company has taken over the plant of the Seamless Tube plant at Monessen, and it is said will immediately increase the capacity as well as create several new departments. The change is effective, it is stated, at once.

Among the new departments to be created, besides that of the seamless tube manufacture, will be for the manufacture of reinforced concrete for steel: steel telegraph poles, automobile axles, and steel girders. This increased output will necessitate the

employment of double the number of men now employed and by spring the company will have in the aggregate of 1,000 men at work.

The pay roll will be increased, it is stated, fully 50 per cent. At present it is in the neighborhood of \$16,000 monthly, employing probably 500 men. A. Allison, who has been superintendent of the Seamless Tube under General Superintendent George Nash, will assume the superintendency of the new plant.

The Seamless Tube is in reality owned by the Pittsburg Steel company.

WATER WAGONS FOR RIVER COAL MINES

Sprinklers of New Design Ordered from Monongahela Firm.

Eight water wagons, which will be used for sprinkling purposes in the mines owned by the River Coal company, are being manufactured at the present time by the Monongahela Saw and Planing Mill company. These wagons are supplied with a rotary pump, and are so arranged as to be able to sprinkle the sides, bottom and top of the various entries through which it passes. The wagon was designed in the engineering department of the River Coal company, and seems to give much satisfaction. Four wagons have been constructed and are now in use.

HORTIZ IN "FRITZ THE WANDERING MUSICIAN"

Joe Hortiz will appear at the Coyle Theatre tonight, December 28, a return engagement in the musical comedy drama "Fritz" the Wandering Musician. Mr. Hortiz who is possessed of a clear, sweet tenor voice, will render several of his diverting song and musical specialties, and his appearance in the new play is said to be a pronounced success. The play is moulded along the lines of the late J. K. Emmett's entertainments, and judging from the success with which the show is meeting, Mr. Hortiz is provided with a role which is entirely congenial to his talents and his voice. He gives the character of "Fritz" all that is called for.

Scenery and mechanical effects have all been placed in the production, and is said to be one of the strongest and most satisfactory plays on the road this season.

Christmas Tree Tonight

The children of St. Mary's Episcopal Sunday school, will have their Christmas service and Christmas tree in the church this evening. Holy Innocent's Day, at 7:30 o'clock. Friends of the school are cordially invited to be present. The church is beautifully decorated, and the children are anticipating an enjoyable time.

PITTSBURG-BUFFALO COAL COMPANY TO INSIST UPON CLEANLINESS AMONG EMPLOYEES BY ERECTION OF BATH

Huge Structure Now in Course of Construction at Marianna to be Equipped for Use as a Public Bath House.

The Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company has under erection at Marianna one of the largest bath houses ever constructed and which will be devoted to the uses of the miners and foremen employed in the various shafts at that place. The building, which is now in course of construction, will be 45x125 feet in dimensions, three stories in height with a finished basement. The building will contain 1,200 shower baths, 35 private baths and 9 private bath rooms, all of which will

be devoted to the uses of the men employed at this great colliery. In addition to the baths, there will be individual lockers where the men may keep their clothing, and rooms provided where they may make the necessary changes when going to or returning from work.

In addition to this building the company is erecting a mammoth store room, 125x200 feet in dimensions, two stories in height with finished basement.

COAL ONE OF COUNTY'S MOST VALUABLE ASSETS

Rev. Frontz Gets a Nice Increase

Salary is Boosted by Congregation at Meeting on Sunday.

The salary of Rev. Chalmers E. Frontz, pastor of the Christ Lutheran church, was increased \$225 a year at a congregational meeting held on Sunday morning. The advance came rather as a surprise to Rev. Frontz, and was a token of true appreciation of his efforts. The Lutheran church has a membership of about 130 members. The salary of Rev. Frontz will now be \$1,100 and the parsonage free.

Highest Valuation in Any One District is \$500 Per Acre.

RETURNS NOT ALL IN YET

Only 29 Have Been Heard from, and only 16 Have Coal Separate from Surface.

In 16 of the 29 districts of Washington county, from which the assessors have made returns, coal is held separate from the surface and is so assessed. The other districts are the smaller boroughs where no coal is so held. The average valuation of coal in these 16 districts is as follows:

Allen, \$301.
Beallsville, \$211.
Blaine, \$40.
Claysville, \$40.
Cross Creek, \$98.
Deemston, \$245.
East Bethlehem, \$302.
Hopewell, \$56.
Independence, \$91.
Long Branch, \$500.
Morris, \$63.
Smith, \$94.
Speers, \$500.
Twilight, \$237.
West Finley, \$40.
West Middletown, \$50.

It will be seen that the assessment of coal varies from \$40 per acre in Blaine, Claysville and West Finley to \$500 per acre in Long Branch and Speers. It appears that the valuation in most instances are very conservative. It is to be doubted whether any coal of the famed Pittsburgh bed can be bought anywhere in Washington county at less than \$100 per acre. Some of it has sold within the last three months at as much as \$1,800 per acre.

MONONGAHELA MAN KILLED BY FALL IN WEST VIRGINIA

With Skull Fractured in Two Places Man Spends Night in Lockup.

From a fractured skull sustained in an accidental fall on a slippery pavement at Clarksburg, W. Va., on Saturday night, George Boalo, a glassworker of Monongahela, is dead. The body was brought to the home in Monongahela yesterday by his brother. He was taken to the Clarksburg lockup after the accident, seemingly not in bad shape. The next morning, however, he was found in a serious condition, and the man was taken to the city hospital where he died on Sunday morning. The skull was fractured in two places, one fracture being 4 inches in length and the other two inches.

Notice

A Christmas tree and treat, together with an entertainment for the children of the members of the Charleroi Turn Verein, will be held at Turner Hall Tuesday evening, December 28, at 8 o'clock. 11022

WANTED—Copies of November 5, 1909, Charleroi Mirror. Leave at this office.

Filling the Jury Wheel

Judge J. F. Taylor and Jury Commissioners Hopkins and Barclay and Clerk P. R. Caton began the filling of the jury wheel yesterday morning for 1910. There will be 1,064 names placed in the wheel, the same number as last year. Each borough and township is entitled to a certain number of names, the ratio being one jurymen to 25 voters.



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Dec. 28 in American History.

1825—General James Wilkinson, soldier in the Revolution, against the Indians and in the war of 1812, died; born 1757.
1801—Rear Admiral Francis Asbury, U. S. N., retired, a veteran of the civil war, died; born 1823.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:30, rises 7:20; moon rises 6:31 p. m.; 12:15 a. m., moon at greatest libration west.

What's the Remedy?

While organized labor is opposed to the State constabulary, the business people and rural sections are very much in favor of this branch of the Commonwealth for enforcing law and order. The objection on the part of organized labor is the claim that the constabulary is employed chiefly to break strikes, while those in favor of this arm of the law see its usefulness in patrolling the rural districts, where there is no organized police or protection of any sort.

One thing is certain. The inadequacy of the police system of the rural sections calls for radical action. The old system of an elected constable whose only compensation is fees for arrests, is no longer sufficient, particularly in the big industrial sections. A borough or a city can maintain a police system, but outside these limits criminals have no restraint. The State constabulary is designed in a measure to relieve this situation, but because of insufficient force it is far from performing this service. A new system of State constabulary is imperative, and it is one of the issues that should be met and solved so far as possible at the next session of the Legislature.

Marks an Era

The firing of 150 of the 300 new coke ovens recently constructed in Brazzel mine, near Bentleyville, marks a new era in industrial production in that section. While not considered in the coking field proper, this section of Washington county is nevertheless able to produce a good marketable article of coke, which in the face of increasing demand and a limited field in the famous Connellsville region, has every indication of a tremendous development. Washington county coke will in time become as staple a product in the iron and steel manufacturing world as Connellsville coke. The establishment of the coking industry in the Bentleyville section is important, in that it enhances the employment of labor and installs a new industry. Instead of shipping the coal away for consumption, as is done elsewhere in the county, it is converted on the spot into another valuable product. This, with the installation of the big manufacturing plants of the valley, insures a large degree of consumption practically at home. When the rich deposits of

coal are mined, coked and consumed here at home in the manufacture of industrial products, the highest degree of prosperity is attained.

TIME TO THINK

Now is the time for the voters of the borough to think about the candidates who are suggested for the nomination for councilmen and school directors. These officials to be nominated and elected will compose the boards that will levy the taxes to be collected for both borough and school purposes, and who will expend the same. They are the business directors of the borough, and during the coming year will collect from the people and expend in both districts in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

It is therefore evident that the office of councilman and school director are more important to the people of the town than that of justice of the peace, over which there promises to be a hot contest. The office of justice of the peace is a judicial office, while the others are executive. These levy, collect and disburse the public funds, and on the wisdom of their judgment depends the material and moral welfare of the whole community.

There is always more or less criticism bestowed upon the action of these officials, but the public as a rule does not give the matter much attention until after the nominations and elections are made. The time to look over the qualifications of candidates for councilmen and school directors is before they are nominated and elected. There is every opportunity now for any dissatisfied voter or voters to place in nomination any eligible candidate who will accept these offices, and now is time to make whatever kicks that may be forthcoming.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

The crimes charged to the Black Hand would fill more than an ordinary sized directory. Some of them are cases that are apparently unsolvable and are put down as of the Black Hand class for convenience.

Some of these places around here are of considerably more value to the community than the ordinary persons would suppose. Ask the assessor about it.

For their own sake it is to be hoped that King Albert of Belgium is more pleasing to the people than his uncle was.

The Connellsville Courier remarks: "We may be damned yet." Apparently they have been worse than damned by some Uniontown people.

A man who will lose his temper in a political argument should not desire to become a candidate for President. Ask Bryan.

The other day a man living on the car line got to work in time to prepare to go home. He left the place where he was employed supposedly to go home. He hasn't been heard from yet, so the natural conclusion, inasmuch as he did not "touch" anything, is that it's a sample of that burn service.

It is not very many people who know how truly homely they are.

Monessen has a new hose and ladder wagon. What a shame. Now people will not be able to collect so much insurance of their business places.

The Sheep Hill Philosopher is responsible for the statement that "By refusal" to steal a dollar many a man has made a reputation so he can steal a bank later on.

Even yet, although they have maintained that Dr. Cook is a uncompromising liar, the world will permit him to make an explanation.

Hinch--Wilson

Miss Grace Elizabeth Hinch, of Charleroi, and George Oliver Wilson, of Floreffe, were married at the Lutheran church parsonage Monongahela Saturday evening. Rev. M. M. Allbeck officiating. The wedding was a very quiet one, there being no attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will make their home in Charleroi.

Smith--Amos

The marriage of Miss Anna Amos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Amos of near Seopery Hill, and William Smith of Lone Pine was solemnized at the home of Miss Amos' parents, on Christmas day.

SEE GHOST IN THE LAW THAT IS NOT OBEYED

County Engineers Report not Sufficient in Matter of Certain Bridges.

A Legislative ghost has come to haunt the Allegheny county commissioners. The Washington county authorities are responsible for the spook's presence. It is a law passed in 1836, and now that Allegheny county is aware of it much court proceedings may result. It provides for viewers to report on finished bridge contracts.

According to this act, the Washington county officials say, the courts must appoint six viewers. The viewers are to make an inspection of the completed bridge, the contract and the entire proceedings under which the transaction is made between the county and the contractor. The viewers must then report to the court, calling attention to irregularities in the transaction as well as defects if any exist.

Allegheny county has not been observing this law. In this neck of the State the county engineers have been performing such duties. They inspect the bridge, contract, etc., and make their reports to common pleas court. The court then acts on the transaction from their report.

While the bridge from Monongahela, Washington county, to Forward township, Allegheny county, was dedicated three weeks ago, it has not been formally accepted by the two counties. When the question of acceptance arose Washington county, which has been observing the law, proposed to Allegheny county that viewers be appointed.

The law applies to every county in the State. When it was pointed out that this bridge was in two counties a section of the act covering such cases was presented. This section enables the court of each county to appoint three viewers. The six proceed together and make their report to both courts, which decide whether the work should be accepted by both counties. It is not on record that any time one court has accepted while the other has rejected.

The matter was gone over by County Solicitor Isaac Baum of Washington county and County Solicitor A. B. Hay of Allegheny county. Major Hay told Mr. Baum the Allegheny county courts were in the habit of regarding the reports of the engineers as sufficient. Mr. Baum agreed to ascertain if the Washington county courts would agree to act on the report of the Allegheny county engineers.

Major Hay is awaiting the report of Solicitor Baum, but the Allegheny county authorities do not entertain much hope that the Washington county court will agree to the engineers' report.

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Christmas Returns Show There Were No Tragedies

(Continued from First Page.)

The officer, which figured in the indictment against her. The quartet was landed in the lockup. Charged with robbery, M. Viola-kov, J. Rotice and Mike Pavoc were brought to Washington last evening from Monongahela and lodged in the county jail to await trial on the charge of robbery at the next term of court. It is alleged that on Christmas day up the M. & M. branch, the three, who are all foreigners, held up a Syrian peddler named Nicholas Solomon, of Monongahela, and robbed him of \$25.

According to Solomon's story one man held a revolver pointed at him, while the others went through his pockets, relieving him of a purse containing the sum of \$25. After taking his money from him it is alleged they beat him until he was unconscious. Some time later Solomon recovered consciousness and managed to get down to Monongahela, where he made information against his assailants.

MAHOGANY TREES IN FALLOWFIELD

Group of Twenty on the Old Barnett Sickman Farm.

On the Lott Winnett farm, in Fallowfield township known as the old Barnett Sickman place, 20 mahogany trees are growing at the present time. The largest is 2 1/2 feet in diameter, and has 20 feet of body. The trees are all in a group, and the cattle browse off the sprouts which keep them from spreading. Some of the young trees are not more than a foot through. The trees are known to have been growing since the memory of the oldest inhabitants of the present generation.

FEAR OF FLOOD

IF RIVER RISES Navigation Prevented From Morgantown to Cairo by Ice.

Navigation on the Monongahela River from Morgantown to Pittsburgh, and on the Ohio from Pittsburgh to Cairo, is tied up by ice. There is not a wheel moving except the small boats in the pools towing coal to the mills along the river front. Prospects for high water, should a rise in temperature come suddenly, are being prepared for, if it amounts to a coal boating stage about 5,000,000 bushels will be ready to go out. Ice gorges, which have formed, are yet small and it is not expected that any damage will be caused by them if the weather continues stationary. By some a flood is feared should there be a sudden rise in the temperature.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bohlander, of Homestead, were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schwaef.

ORCHID HUNTING.

The Terrors and the Dangers of a Tropical Forest.

It is not a pretty story, this narrative of a trip up the Orinoco, but you may understand orchid people better if you read it. "It began unluckily," said he, "I took a partner because I'd learned that the dark places of earth are hard upon a man by himself. I met him at Port of Spain, and he was eager for the adventure because he had just absconded from a British mercantile house in Havana and the Orinoco sounded to him like a haven."

"We hired a few negroes. Our real guides we would pick up at Augustura. One day while waiting for the stores to be packed I took my partner out to show him what an orchid was."

"Near the Pitch lake I saw one in a tree and ordered one of the negro boys to climb up and get it. He would not. A deadly snake dwelt in that tree, he declared. He was afraid of snakes! Nice, efficient, helpful boy to take into tropical forests, wasn't he?"

"It was insubordination before the expedition had even started. So I cuffed him and handed him my hunting knife. 'Bring down that flower and also the snake's head,' I ordered, and, whining, trembling, he went up the trunk. He was detaching the orchid from where it clung when a thing like a spear as black as his own skin, suddenly struck at the boy's wrist. He screamed with terror and, toppling down, writhed with pain. He died, and I felt a gloom settle on my spirits."

"Well, at Augustura we took rats and six guides upstream. First one guide died of fever; then another was bitten by poisonous insects. One fell in with—or into—an alligator. We needed meat, and the skin was worth a good deal, so half in revenge, half in curiosity, we went out and plugged holes in the monster. When the guides cut it open they stooped and drew things out—the bones and the cotton clothes of the guide this cannibal reptile had swallowed. The very knot was still in his sarong. Oh, don't squirm! This is orchid hunting."

"We had three guides left at the end of the second month, when, paddling along one day where the vines overreached and let snaky tendrils draggle down, we came to a fifty yard clearing. We saw there the sides of three canoes, half smothered with rapid growing vegetation, and 1,500 alligator skins well salted, but decaying. Hanging to the roof of what had been a kind of lean-to were 100 orchid plants—withered and dead. On the floor lay two rusty rifles and two skeletons. Out by the ashly place where the fire had been was a third skeleton. Up between the ribs were cheerfully growing some gay weeds."—Everybody's Magazine.

Every person has two educations—one which he receives from others and one, more important, which he gives himself.—Gibson.

A MONSTER SKULL

One That Was Said to Be Bigger Than a Bushel Basket. One of the most remarkable finds of gigantic human remains of which we have any record was that said to have been made at Palermo, Sicily, in the year 1816, when an entire skeleton of unheard of proportions was unearthed by some marble quarry men. These mammoth remains measured exactly thirty-four feet from head to foot and nine feet seven inches from point to point of the shoulders.

A stone ax buried with this old time giant may still be seen at Palermo in section "Z" of the St. Isoront museum. It is made of a bluish looking fine grained boulder and appears to be about two feet eight inches long by one foot broad and nine inches through in the thickest place. A rusty, rusty looking tag attached to the relic informs the visitor that it weighs fifty-two pounds, but the general verdict is that it could not weigh over thirty or thirty-five pounds.

The skeleton was buried by a mob in the year 1812 during the prevalence of the black death at Palermo, the ignorant, superstitious people believing that it was connected in some mysterious way with the death dealing distemper. The skull of this giant, according to Abbe Perregus, "was largely excessive of the basket," said to hold the basket, being fitted to and below with the teeth to the center of sixty-four, the each of which would have weighed two ounces."

Cavalier Seng claimed to have found a skull on Tenerife that had sixty teeth.—Westminster Gazette.

Animal Mimicry. Observers of nature are frequently struck with the singular resemblances of insects to leaves, dried sticks, etc., and these likenesses are supposed to have grown out of the necessity of protection against or concealment from enemies. An interesting example of this kind of resemblance was brought to the attention of the Entomological society in London by a naturalist, who exhibited a spider found inhabiting some rocks near Cannes, on which were also fastened the cases of a species of moth. When at rest the spider exhibited almost precisely the same form and color as the moth cases surrounding it.

Unreasonable. "My husband is so very unreasonable." "Most husbands are. What did yours do?" "He fixed a fishhook in one of his pockets because he pretended to suppose that I robbed him at night, and then he blamed me because he forgot it was there."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Fun of It. Mother—Did you enjoy your ice cream soda, Dickie? Dickie—Yes, ma; there were seven other boys lookin' through the window at me.

What is not necessary is dear at a penny.—Cato.

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PAINTING THE MEETING HOUSE

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The village of Hicksville contained 300 inhabitants, and yet there was only one place to worship. In the earlier days the Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians had clubbed together, and as time went on the three denominations had agreed so well that no more had been made for the erection of another building.

From time immemorial it has been the privilege of the farmer's dog to accompany his master to church and take up his station on the front steps until time to go home again. The question as to whether this had made better dogs of them is not to be debated here. It is sufficient to say that on this particular Sabbath day there were seven dogs occupying seven different wagons and that when a lightning bolt came along he

was looked upon as an intruder and promptly attacked. Seven dogs pitching into one must soon confuse things. In this case after a moment it became a battle royal, and the racket stopped the sermon and was heard to the limits of the village. The worshippers came out of the church to see and to interfere and to take sides, and the affair broke up the services for the morning and left a good deal of animosity floating around. Most of the blame was laid on the man of lightning rods, who was stopping in the town over Sunday. He repudiated it and had hot words and on Monday was arrested for using profane language and fined \$7. Up to the moment he was fined he was defiant. Then he changed to humility, paid his fine and apologized all around.

There was no one in the town of Hicksville who really knew a lightning rod man's other side or who even suspected that he had a second side. If there had been, a note of warning would have been sounded when this man changed to humility. They accepted his attitude and his expressions, and some of them even shook hands with him and forgave him for having such a dog. He went away and was absent for three days and then returned to say that he felt like doing something for the church people to show that his hard feelings rankled in his soul. There was the old meeting house. It needed painting badly. Under its shadow his dog had raised a row and created temporary hard feelings and he would beg the privilege of paying for two fresh coats. The proposition fell like a thunderclap on the town. It beat the coming of a circus all hollow. All the church folks had to do, said the donor, was to get together and decide on the color and he would furnish the paints and the painters—simple as A B C.

A meeting of the church people was called for a certain night, and they were there to the last man and woman. All knew the issue, and all had come prepared. The question to be settled was one of color, and it was a dead easy one. The minister presided, as was eminently proper, and he arose to say that of course there could be but one color for a frame meeting house. That was white, to represent purity. The lightning rod man could be notified to have his painter on hand next day. Was there anything further before the meeting?

To the good man's surprise, there was. Deacon Tompkins arose to say that while art was in its infancy in this country a plain white meeting house did very well, but art had advanced. Meeting houses should also advance. Speaking for the Methodist contingent, his choice was chrome yellow for the body of the building, with dark brown for the steeple and the doors and window casings. He would move that these colors be adopted.

Deacon Williams arose to hope that no one would second the motion. Speaking for the Baptists, he would say that a pea green color for the body, with trimmings of darker green, would be more in harmony with the surrounding landscape and prevent strangers from taking the cider mill for the meeting house. He didn't advance pea green as symbolic of the Baptist faith alone, but of all faiths. It even took in the Adventists. He would move pea green as an amendment to the last amendment and he hoped that no further time would be wasted over the matter.

But his hopes were disappointed. The lightning rod man was appealed to, but he replied that it was a question to be left entirely to the congregation.

It was left to them. Meeting after meeting was held, but no one gave way—the more meetings the more acrimony, the more acrimony the less neighborly feeling. When it had reached that stage, which it did in about four months, that not a Methodist

barrow and not a Baptist would borrow patrons of a Presbyterian the good minister sent in his resignation, the meeting house was closed, and only last summer it was unroofed by a cyclone and left a wreck. The lightning rod man was about the only man that had nothing to say. He could afford to be silent.

MANY SPECIAL FLAGS

Uncle Sam Has Some Which Are Very Seldom Seen.

COLORS OF THE PRESIDENT

Not Until 1832 Did the Chief Executive of the Nation Have a Personal Banner, but Now He Has Three, the Naval, Army and Peace Flags.

As the United States grew and the government expanded many new departments were added, and with them many special flags have come into existence. Least often seen and yet most interesting of these twenty-five or thirty special flags is that of the president of the United States. He has a wealth of them—in fact, no less than three—but they are seldom seen in public. There are two each of these flags, one of bunting and one of silk. They are exactly alike, with this exception, but the one of silk is called the "president's colors."

He had no personal flag until 1832. If he went aboard a ship his presence was denoted by the national flag hoisted at the main truck, and his presence in a garrison or post was denoted by the raising of the big garrison flag. These were not entirely distinctive as denoting the presence of the president, for these flags were hoisted on gala occasions when the president was not around. The lack of a distinguishing flag for him was felt by the navy also, and the secretary of the navy by general orders, Aug. 19, 1852, established a flag for the president of the United States. The general orders described the flag as of blue bunting with the coat of arms of the United States in the center. The flag was to be hoisted at the main of the vessel when the president was aboard and be carried at the bow of the launch on which he came aboard.

In the army there was no distinguishing flag for the president of the United States until just before the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. Colonel Theodore Bingham, who was then superintendent of public buildings and grounds, called the attention of President McKinley to this lack of a distinguishing flag for him and stated that he thought the commander in chief of the United States army and navy ought to have a distinguishing flag. President McKinley did not like the suggestion, but the secretary of war did, and a flag was made. It was designed by Frederick D. Owen and is a beautiful thing to look at. The official description of the flag is as follows:

"The president's flag is of scarlet bunting, thirteen feet by eight feet hoist. In each corner is a five pointed star of five inch radius to the tips. In the center of the scarlet field is a large fifth star, also of five points, two feet nine inches in radius to the tips. Inside of this star is a parallel star, separated from it by a band of white three inches wide. The inner star forms the blue field upon which is the coat of arms of the United States. On the scarlet field around the large star are forty-six small white stars, one for each state, equally scattered in the re-entering angles and all included within the circumference of an imaginary circle three feet and a quarter in radius. In the upper point over the angle is a constellation of thirteen stars, representing the original thirteen states of the American confederation."

Mr. Owen explained that in the olive leaves, its berries and the arrows is symbolized the original thirteen. It is also not a little singular that the official seal should bear in its motto exactly thirteen letters and that the general order which created the flag was also numbered thirteen. The magnificent silken colors of the president's flag are of scarlet, and the design is embrodered upon this so exquisitely that it is impossible to tell right from wrong side when looking at the flag. The colors on the flag are what is called "proper"—that is, natural—the eagle being brown and the olive branches green, with red berries. This flag is to be displayed only in time of war.

Yet another flag has the president. In 1902 the "peace" flag was adopted. This third flag differs in a good many respects from the other two. In the first place, the great seal of the United States is correctly depicted. On the other flags the design of the seal is seven red stripes and six white ones, which is correct as the flag design was adopted by the Third congress, but when the great seal was adopted the designer, not knowing much about the flag, as the forefathers intended, and six red stripes. And that is the seal today. There was a long discussion whether the seal should not be changed to agree with the stripes on the flag, as the forefathers intended, but it was decided that as it had been adopted it should remain. This "peace" flag thus has the seal correctly depicted. The eagle is snow white, its feathers being outlined in deep black. There is a different arrangement of the stars and of the sunburst also. The sunburst is exactly circular in form, with the rays radiating from the group of stars. The colors are of silk with exactly the same design as the "Washington Star."

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